Calvary Rectory
61 Gramercy Park, North
New York City

April 6, 1933.

Dear Stew:

I have seen the article on page 4 of The Presbyterian of March 30th, which is such a jumble of aspersion and misinformation that I feel you will certainly answer it.

Things are at a strange pass when that magazine quotes Erdman Harris, who is a Liberal of the Liberals and a professor at Union Seminary. One can take that article sentence by sentence, and make perfect mincemeat of it, who has any information at all.

I am not concerned about the reputation of any one of us individually, or even the Oxford Group as a whole. But I am desperately concerned about the number of people who, by such articles as this, are being kept from a fuller, happier and more transforming experience of Christ.

Such a statement as "There is no emphasis on the underlying truths of the Gospel," is a flat lie, of course, and I think the time has come when we have got to stop allowing this kind of impressionistic falsehood to be circulated in reputable papers. If any of us here can help you to answer that statement adequately, we should be most happy to do so. I feel you are certainly the person to do it.

Yours faithfully,

Sam Shoemaker jr

The Rev. Dr. Stewart M. Robinson
Presbyterian Church
Elizabeth N. J.

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NEW YORK CITY

April 12, 1933.

Dear Stew:

In a sense I agree with your letter, though I think there comes a time when actual misstatement of fact has to be dealt with.

I am taking you at your word, and sending along my Palm Sunday sermon. I shall be thankful if you can get it in The Presbyterian. My addresses on the Cross on Good Friday will be much too long.

Yours ever,

Sam Shoemaker jr.

The Rev. Stewart M. Robinson
Second Presbyterian Church
El zabeth N. J.

State of New York,
Court of Appeals,

Cuthbert W. Pound,
Chief Judge

Albany, N. Y.,
April 26,1933.

Rev.Stewart M.Robinson,
East Jersey Street near Broad,
Elizabeth,N.J.

Dear and Reverend brother in God:

Delighted to hear from you.

Quite a reward for three old magazines.

I think Miss Douglas felt that you would be shocked by "The American Mercury", but I felt reasonably safe on that score. Mencken is like John Randolph's rotten mackeral,he shines and stinks. Have you seen George Jean Nathan's new ~~book~~ paper "The American Spectator"? I am sending you a copy. Do not feel that it is your duty to read it or to acknowledge it.

I do not approve of the study of law by clergymen. The Chase Blackstone is a student's book,much abridged,of course. The original is quite archaic even in England. It has been published in many editions. One known as ~~Hammond's~~ Hammond's Blackstone is very good. I really advise you to stick to Chase. Chase was a very able man who taught law for many years and his notes are valuable.

I suppose you have heard of sea lawyers. Well,church lawyers are a tough lot. Bro. Hathaway was one,I remember. Far be it from me to venture any ruling on the ecclesiastical jurisprudence governing that schismatic body known as the General Assembly.

Miss Douglas keeps me informed about you and your family.

She is firmly of the belief that the Scribes and Pharisees sit in Moses' seat and enlarge their phylacteries, although your successor is a great admirer of mine; that the Gospel is written according to John, not Saint John; that God is good and that she will be amply rewarded in an eternity of bliss for all the mortifications of the flesh in this world. We argue over theology in the few idle hours we have but her faith is proof against reason, ridicule and the erstwhile higher criticism.

I miss you and the fair lady and send you both my fondest regards.

Very truly yours,

Cuthbert W. Pound